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Mammoth cave national park association

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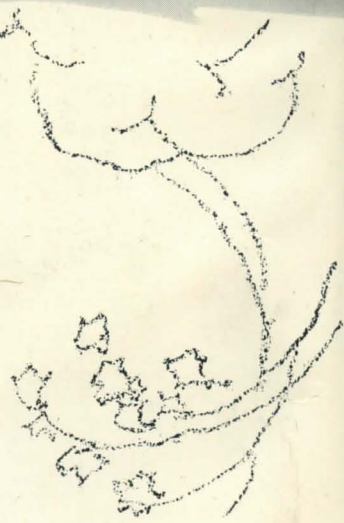
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Indescribable attractiveness is found along Green River, which flows in graceful curvings across the proposed Mammoth Cave National Park area. With this lovely stream and the other surface features supplementing the cave attractions, the number of tourist visitors will show an amazing growth. Within a brief period they will reach 500,000 a year, and their annual spendings in Kentucky will be \$100,000,000. Of the nineteen National Parks now maintained and developed by the Federal Government, all but one are in the West. Because of proximity to the great population centers, Mammoth Cave National Park will soon reach the peak of importance among regions of this classification, both in interest and popularity.



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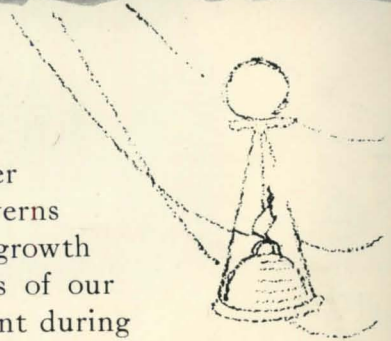


The Bee Hive, in Pearly Pool, Colossal Cavern, is of stalagmitic onyx. One could spend a year examining beautiful and amazing creations in the caves of the National Park area, and still not see them all. By presenting Mammoth Cave National Park to the Nation, Kentuckians will be performing a greater service to their state. The tourist travel will not be temporary, but a perpetually growing condition. Many tourists will remain in Kentucky as permanent residents and investors.

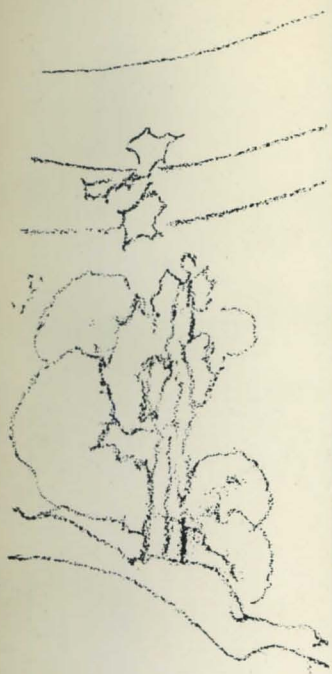
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Three hundred and sixty feet below the surface of the earth in Mammoth Cave flows Echo River, centuries old, yet younger by unnumbered ages than the enormous caverns on the upper levels of the caves. The growth of tourist travel to other National Parks of our land has ranged from 900 to 6,000 per cent during their status as national parks. Thus, through the experiences of others, may the value of a National Park to Kentucky be estimated. An increase of 900 per cent would mean more than half a million tourists a year to Kentucky.



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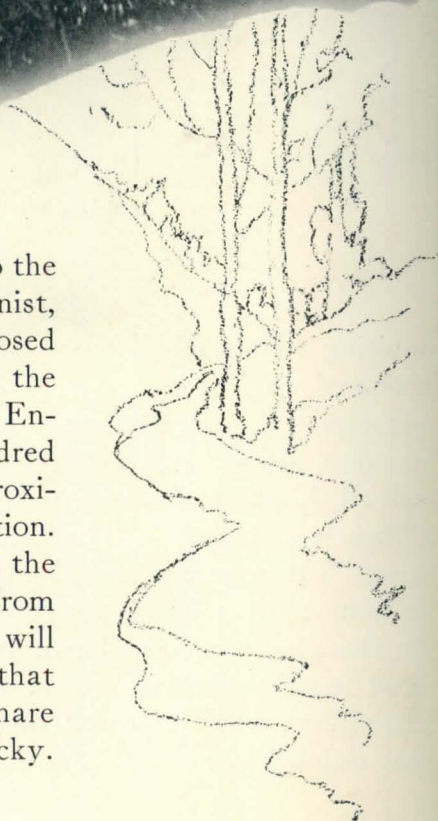


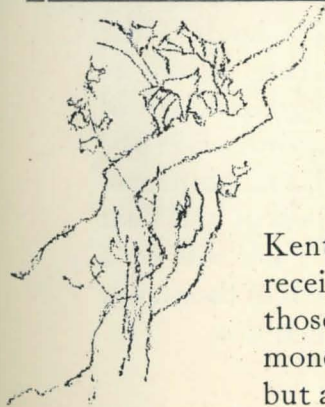
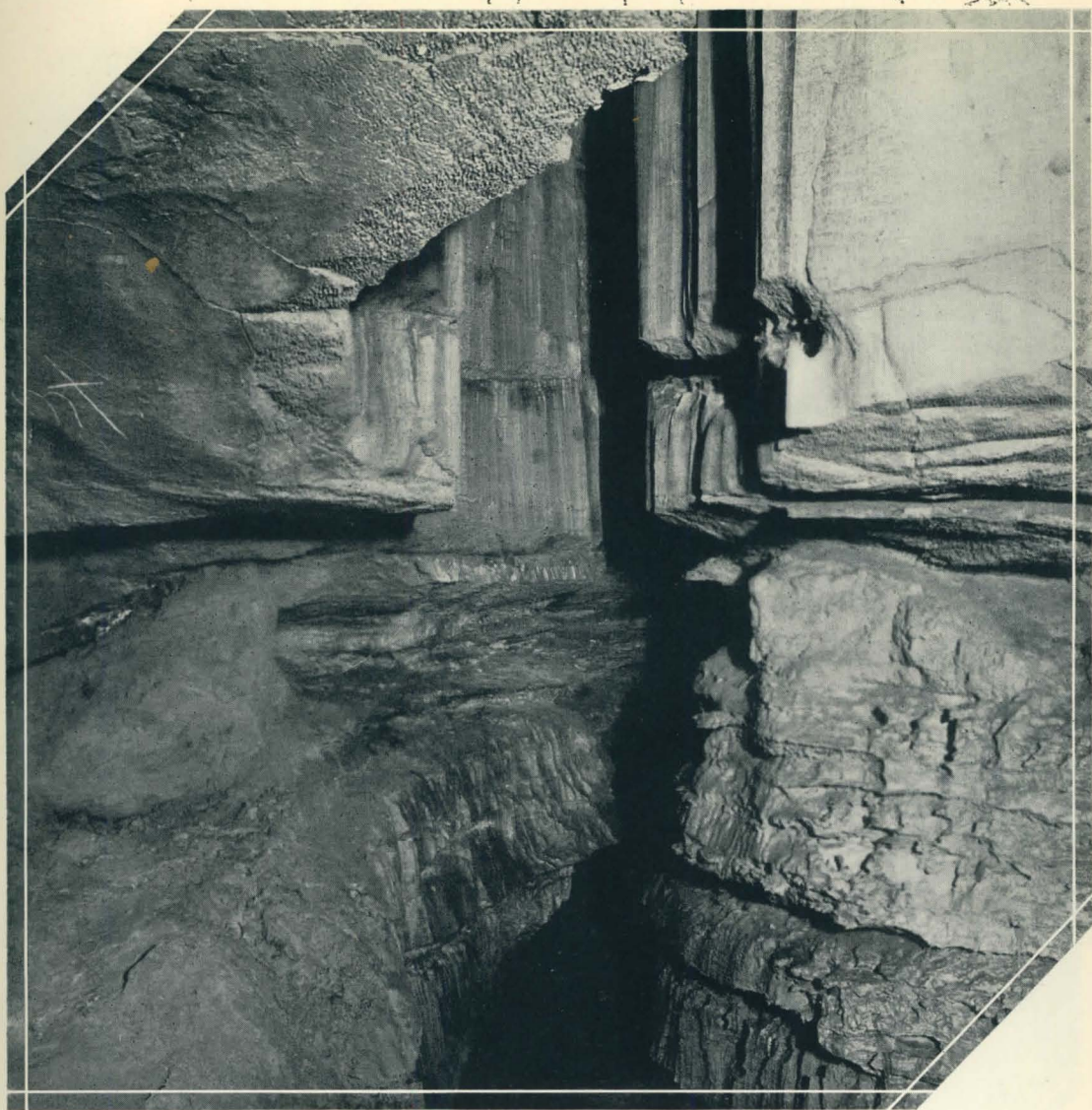
Inviting woodlands, tracts of virgin timber, clear-running streams, pleasant groves and fields will all appeal to lovers of things out-of-doors. The area is to embrace 70,618 acres. The government will improve its National Park, so that it will offer a convenient place of amusement for the great influx of tourists. Adequate hotels, good roads, camping sites and other comfort-giving attractions will be placed there to make the visitor's stay enjoyable.



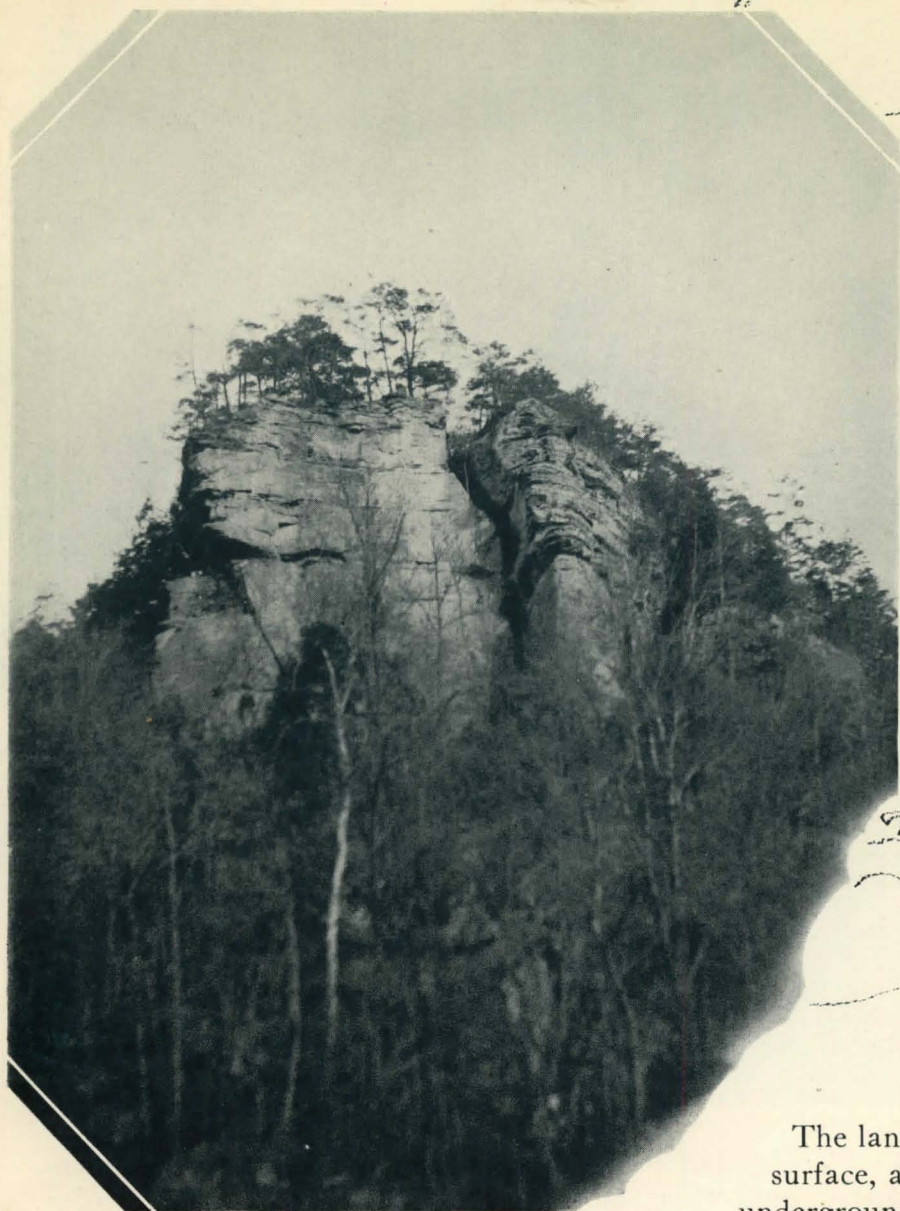


A region of undulating hills, interesting to the geologist and irresistible to the vacationist, contributes a variety of phases to the proposed park. There are many wonderful caves in the area, including Mammoth, Great Onyx, New Entrance, Salts, Great Crystal, Cave of The Hundred Domes, Colossal, Diamond Cave, and approximately 20 others worthy of particular attention. Every region in Kentucky will benefit from the success of the project. Traveling to and from Mammoth Cave National Park, tourists will visit the innumerable points of interest that the state possesses. Thus every region will share in the progress which shall visit all Kentucky.

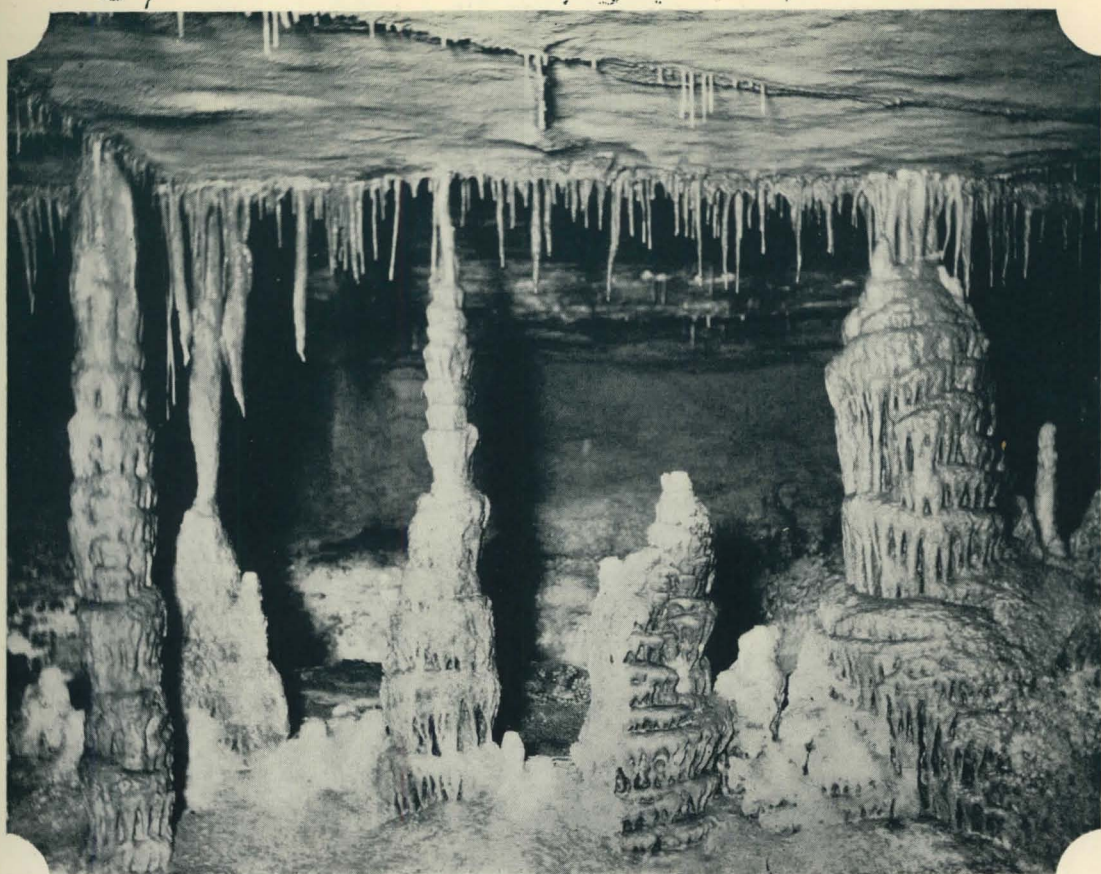




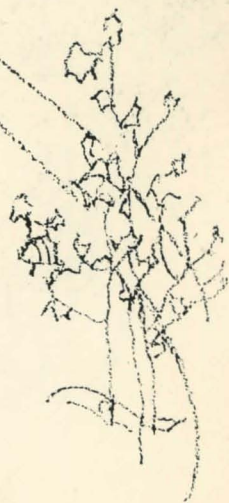
Side Saddle Pit, in Mammoth Cave, is one of innumerable "bottomless pits," domes and other spectacular rock carvings that are nature's handiwork in the great caverns. Virginia, with the Shenandoah National Park activity, is an example of the good that will come to Kentucky from Mammoth Cave National Park. Virginia's receipts from gasoline tax alone in August of 1927, exceeded those of the same month a year previous by \$500,000. The money spent to secure Kentucky's National Park will be but a small investment compared to the enormous returns.

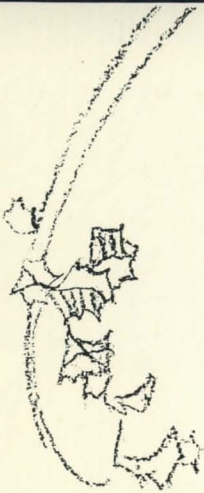
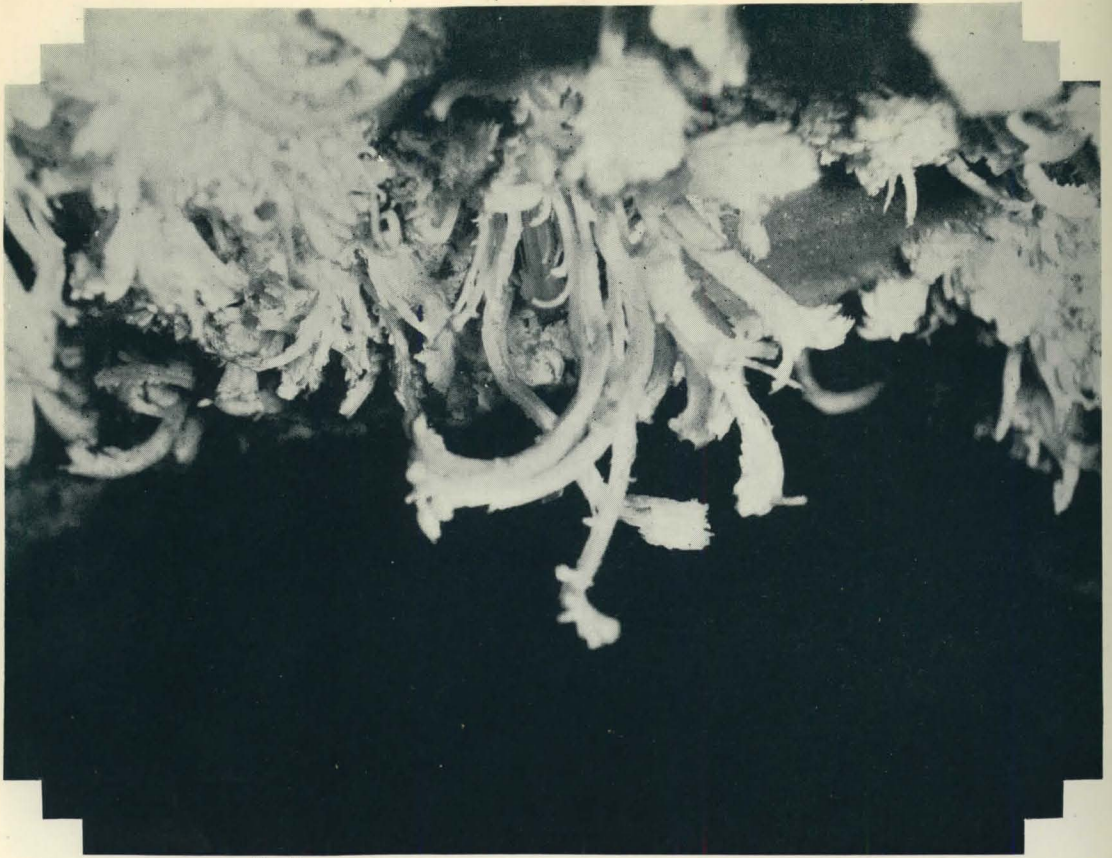


The lands of the surface, as well as underground, are of awe-inspiring beauty and interest. Within a day's ride of 76,000,000 people who reside in the easily accessible portions of the East and Middle West, Kentucky's National Park will be a wonderful central magnet, drawing hundreds of thousands of eager recreation seekers from every direction.



Dream Cities of translucent, multi-colored onyx such as that shown above in Great Onyx Cave, are among the amazing sights of the Mammoth Cave National Park region. United States Congress, in approving the area's acceptance as a National Park, has officially admitted its worthiness for classification with Grand Canyon, Sequoia, Rocky Mountain, Yosemite, Yellowstone and the other natural marvels of our land.

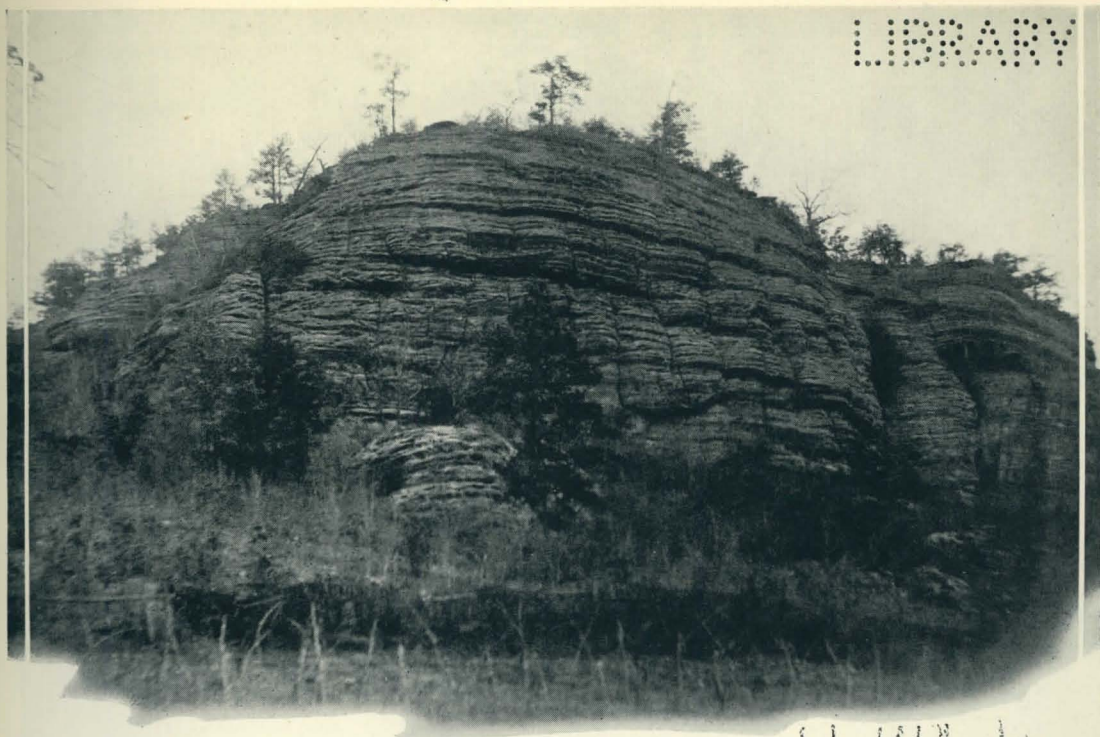




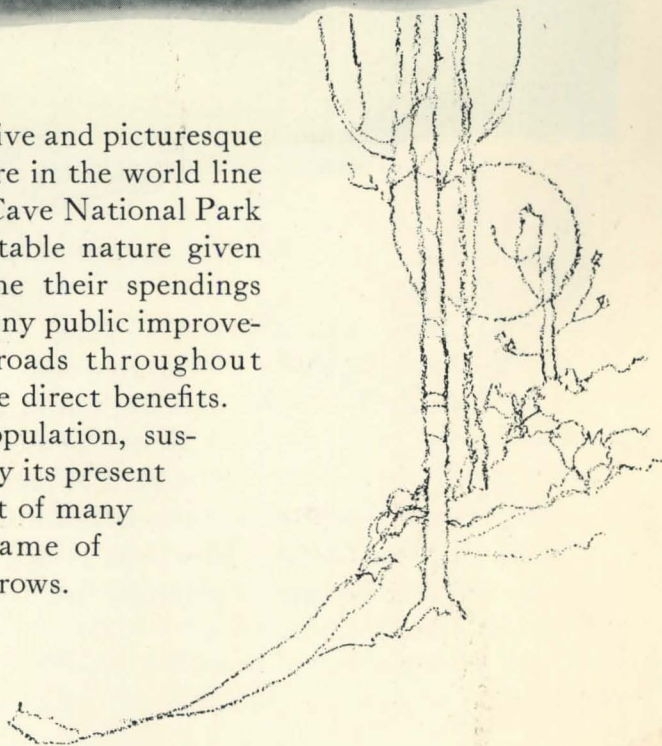
Exquisite designs of gypsum as well as onyx form veritable inverted flower gardens upon the ceilings of caves of the National Park region. That shown above is from Great Crystal Cave. The proposed park is in a climate so moderate that it will be a pleasant place to visit every month of the year, and the caves may be entered any hour of the day or night. Thus it will have a tremendous advantage over all other National Parks.

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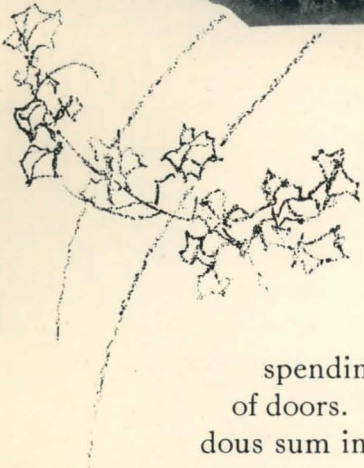
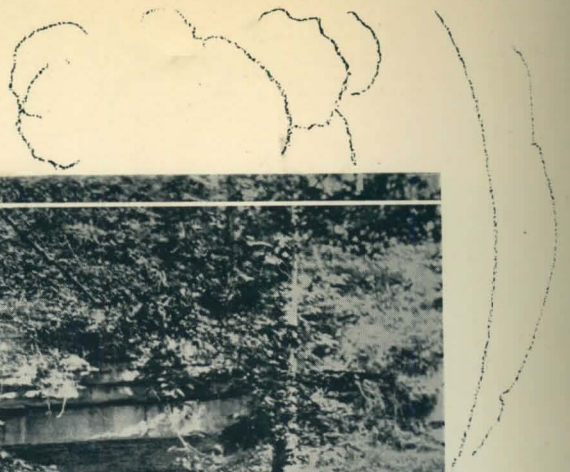
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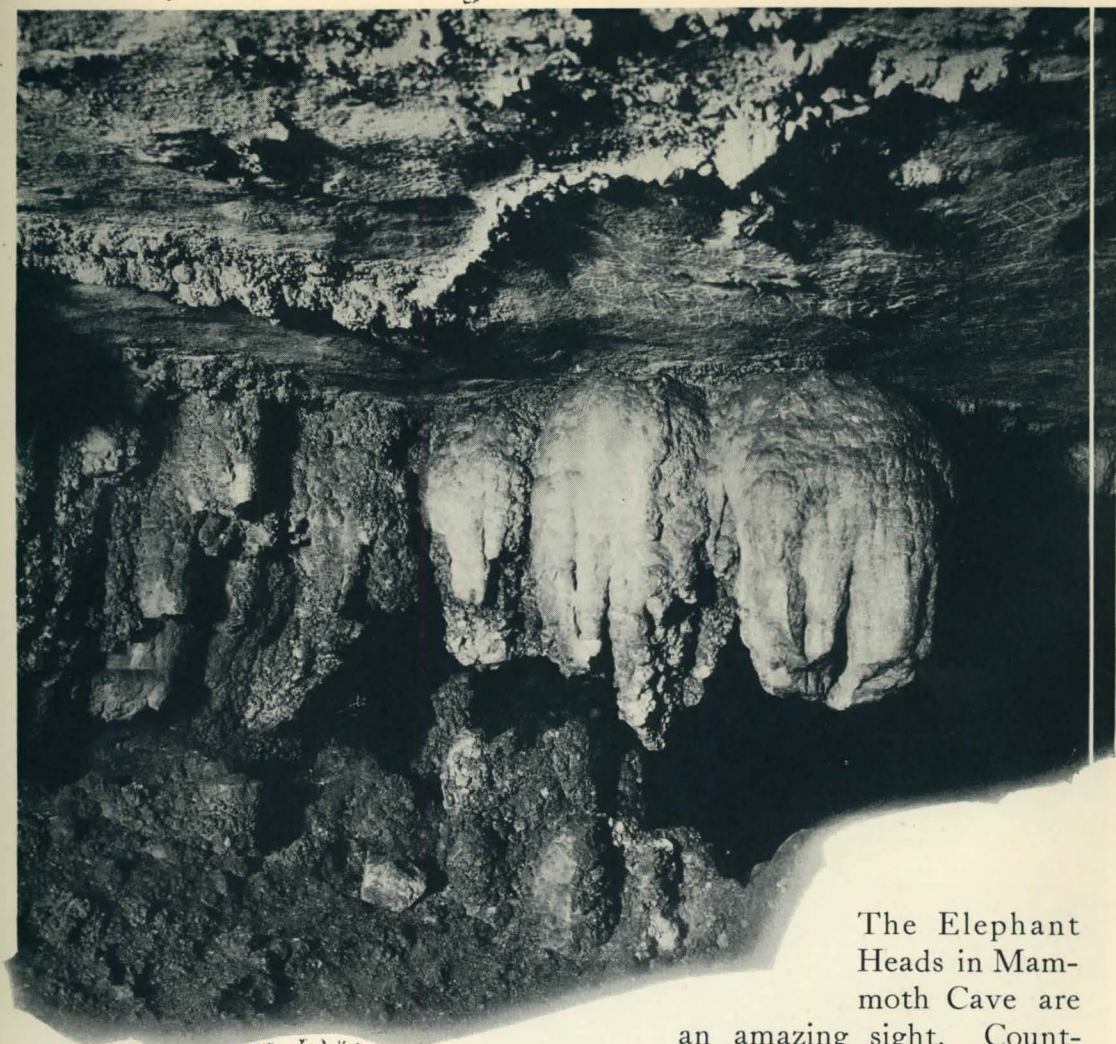
Palisades rivalling in impressive and picturesque loveliness any found elsewhere in the world line the river banks. Mammoth Cave National Park will be a region of uncountable nature given assets. As the tourists come their spendings will provide the funds for many public improvements in the state. Good roads throughout Kentucky will be one of the direct benefits. New world contact, new population, sustained interest in Kentucky by its present citizenship, and advancement of many kinds will develop as the fame of Kentucky's great possession grows.



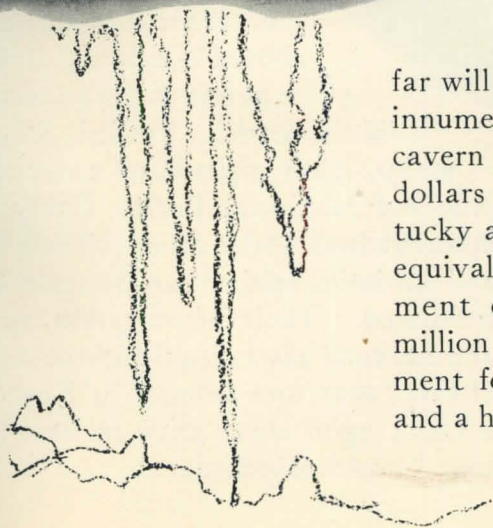
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The River Styx, emerging from its silent, mysterious, subterranean passage through Mammoth Cave, finds a sunlit, rock-bound bower of floral beauty as it empties into Green River. The people of America are spending three billion dollars annually for recreation out of doors. Kentucky is seeking its fair share of this tremendous sum in planning full use for its greatest natural asset.



The Elephant Heads in Mammoth Cave are an amazing sight. Countless visitors from near and far will find pleasure in them and in the innumerable other strange phases of the cavern region. The one hundred million dollars a year tourists will spend in Kentucky as a result of the National Park is equivalent to the return on an investment of one billion, eight hundred million dollars. Yet the actual investment for Kentuckians will be only two and a half million dollars.





Mammoth Cave, the entrance to which is shown above, is known around the globe as one of the seven wonders of the world. Yet it is only one of many, many marvelous caverns of the proposed National Park. Every cave is different from every other. Their beauties and varieties neither can be described nor estimated. Their preservation as a state and national asset, requiring the assistance of every man and woman in Kentucky, is a claim upon state pride as well as upon sound business judgment.





Mammoth Cave National Park will be the only national park having within it navigable streams. The depth of Green and Nolin Rivers is 80 feet. These are said to be the deepest rivers for their length in the world. The two and a half million dollars necessary to consummate the National Park plan must come through public contribution, for the Federal government is not permitted to appropriate funds for such a purpose. All National Parks have been presented to our government.



Get it, Kentucky

This is a time for resolute commitment to the greatest cause for future progress that has ever been placed before our state. This is a time for liberal giving. Can any loyal and sincere Kentuckian withhold his aid when his state's greatest opportunity for advancement is within grasp? Sustain Kentucky's traditional honor of achievement. Maintain her pride in recognizing and accomplishing the thing worth-while that remains to be done. Mammoth Cave National Park is a project far-sighted. It is an investment, rather than merely a gift, and a perpetual endowment for our children, and for their children. It is a task for loyal, patriotic, forward-looking men and women. What greater appeal can be made than to say—your state needs you now.

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